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In re application of

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AMENDMENT

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 12, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: